Newport Lakes Primary School
1-to-1 iPad Program
At Newport Lakes Primary School, our vision is to provide quality, stimulating programs in a safe and supportive environment. Students are encouraged to become problem solvers, reflective thinkers and flexible individuals. Our programs aim to develop behaviours that encourage a healthy lifestyle, lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.

The school 1-to-1 iPad program will give our students the opportunity to enter a new world of curriculum possibilities, enabling increased engagement and involvement in their learning. Learning experiences across the school are purposefully designed to develop the attributes of a lifelong learner. In this way, each student learns to develop and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, practices and attitudes necessary to be an independent, engaged, 21st century citizen capable of shaping our future.

The intent of this program is to provide our students with “anywhere, anytime” inclusive, engaging learning.

Guidelines For Participation

The 1:1 iPad program intends to be inclusive for all students, although if purchasing an iPad is not financially possible, students will be supplied an iPad for use at school, but they will not be able to take this home, or personalize it as their own. Prior to the start of the program:

- Each student bringing a family owned device, will have the iPad registered on the school network.
- A range of ‘apps’ must have been installed on the device – a tutorial for instruction on this will be made available to parents and students at a later date.
- Parents must attend an information event and agree in writing to the terms and conditions of the program before an iPad can be brought to the school.
- Students will participate in an induction program to ensure they are familiar with their roles and responsibilities.
Role Of Parents

A parent induction program will be offered to parents, running for 60-90 minutes and we strongly suggest parents can make it to gain a greater understanding of the program as well as ask any questions that aren’t covered in this document.

The induction will cover:
- Care and maintenance of an iPad
- Roles and responsibilities
- Restrictions
- Policies and procedures for participating in the school’s 1:1 program
- Liabilities
- Signing of Acceptable Use agreement
- Writing a family agree for iPad use at home

Learning with an iPad – Frequently Asked Questions

Why Apple?

Our own experience and research shows us that the Apple software is much easier and more reliable to use, especially in the area of multimedia. The school has had positive experience while dealing with Apple, and the iPads will seamlessly integrate with our current technology.

Why iPads?

iPads are compatible to our existing teaching philosophy and style. They will assist with our existing teaching programs, and are to ‘blend’ rather than ‘substitute.’ They are mobile and allow educational opportunities for all students through innovative and inspiring teaching methods.

They are student, parent and teacher friendly, so we can all share in the learning. The number of apps that can be effectively used in learning in todays and future classrooms is endless and affordable. They are a current form of technology and should remain so for the next 2-3 years at least. iPads have proven to be an excellent resource in the provision of programs to assist and extend all children.
Will we evaluate learning differently?
Students will continue to be assessed and evaluated against AusVELS (Australian/Victorian Essential Learning Standards) which we currently use from Prep through to Year Six.

How will parents/carers be kept informed about the integration of iPads into the curriculum?
The school newsletter, 5/6 team newsletter and the school website will be used to provide updates to the whole school community about the use of iPads. We plan to move from the traditional 'parent/teacher interview' to a meeting between parents, the teacher, and the student, in which students will present their digital portfolio of the work they have produced. This will occur twice a year.

Are there clear rules about using the iPads?
Yes, there are clear rules and expectations about the use of any form of technology at Newport Lakes Primary School. Students will be consulted and have a major say when creating our 'Acceptable User Agreement'. Both students and parents will sign the agreement before the iPad will be used at school. We encourage parents to sit down with their children and discuss what is and isn't acceptable at home. We suggest that these expectations are written out and signed and kept as a reminder.

How will you monitor what the iPads are being used for?
The iPads will become an essential tool in our classroom teaching and learning and as such, students will be supervised as they would be for any learning activity. But this is also the responsibility of parents when children are using the iPad at home. We suggest that you have an agreement with your child about the use of the iPad at home.

Will students still require writing books?
Yes. We intend to use a blended approach with the iPads and therefore workbooks are still essential. The iPad will act as a
tool for consuming information from the internet, using apps to aid and engage their learning, and for creating multimedia content. It will not replace student workbooks, and typing will not replace handwriting.

**How can iPads improve learning?**

With greater access to real time information, digital learning resources, educational applications and collaborative workspaces, children experience higher level of engagement and motivation in their learning. Typically students experience initial improvements in areas such as organizational and technological skills. With the development of presentations and other multimedia projects, children experience subsequent improvement in analytical, presentation and speaking skills.

A networked environment where it is easy to share work in progress and share research with peers and teachers is the environment that children will live and work in their future academic and working lives.

**Will parents be required to pay for additional apps from the Apple app store?**

We will require parents to purchase some apps, although we have tried to limit the number of apps that parents will need to purchase before the iPad comes to school. Most of the apps we are asking to have downloaded onto the iPads are free.

**Can students use a family iTunes account?**

Yes. An iTunes account will be necessary to download apps. We suggest the use of iTunes giftcards (you can see where you can get them cheapest at [http://www.giftcardsonsale.com.au](http://www.giftcardsonsale.com.au)) to purchase apps instead of using a credit card.
Can we put apps purchased from another iTunes account onto a student iPad?
Yes, as long as they do not interfere with the running/operation of the iPad. If the iPad becomes full, non-school apps will be required to be removed.

Where do I purchase an iPad?
iPads are available for purchase at many stores. At Big W, Target, JB Hi-Fi, and many other stores, iPads are readily available. iPads are also available for purchase from the school, more information about this is available in the 'ownership of iPad and the leasing agreement' section of this document.

What kind of iPad should I purchase?
For a lot of the work students will be completing, a camera will be required (to record and reflect on work). Therefore, the original iPad is not acceptable for this program. Any iPad after this will be fine. This includes the iPad2, iPad3, iPad4 or iPad mini.

What if I've already got an iPad? Can that be used?
This is fine, as long as there is enough storage for school apps and class work. Again, a camera is an essential feature of the iPad, so please ensure the iPad you have, has a camera.

Should I purchase an iPad with 3G capabilities?
This is not necessary. The students will be able to connect to the internet through the school wi-fi and at no time will require 3G access. If you choose to buy an iPad with 3G capabilities, be aware that this is an additional ongoing cost, provided by communications companies. It is not recommended by the school to purchase an iPad with 3G.
Do iPads require a cover?
We strongly suggest that you purchase a cover for the iPad. Although this is an additional cost, having a cover will prevent costly damage that may occur.

Will my student's iPad be safe at school?
Students will be asked to bring their iPads into the classroom at 8.50am. They will be kept in their lockers, just as any other workbook. Classrooms will be locked at all times, when there are no students or teachers present in the room. We want the iPads to be as accessible as possible.

Will students be able to put their own music on the device?
Yes. Students are able to place their own music onto their device, as long as it does not interfere with the running/operation of the iPad. If the iPad becomes full, non-school apps and music will be required to be removed.

Are students allowed to install games and other apps?
As above. Yes, students can install whatever apps they wish, as long as they are age appropriate and have parental permission.

Do I need to buy a wireless Internet connection for home?
This is a family decision. A USB dongle Internet connection cannot be used with an iPad. The iPad cannot access the Internet without a Wi-Fi connection.

What happens if the iPad breaks or just stops working?
Although extremely durable and far more 'virus proof' when compared to other tablets we understand that there are bound to be issues. If something does go wrong, Newport Lakes Primary School has access to a technician who will attempt to resolve any issues.
Have teachers' skills been updated to provide content to this device?
Teachers at Newport Lakes have been (and will continue to be) engaged in professional development about the integration of iPads and ICT into the curriculum. They are familiar with the use of electronic devices in the classroom through the 1:1 notebook program and weekly lessons in the computer lab.

How will students backup their data on my iPad?
Students will upload any class work or homework to an app, which will then be readily available to the classroom teacher. Other work or photos, can be saved/uploaded to a home computer if the student wishes. Data can also be saved to iCloud. For more information on this visit http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1766.

How often should an iPad be charged?
It is expected that students will bring their iPad to school with enough charge to see them through the day. As such, it is recommended that iPads are charged overnight prior to each school day.

Can I insure my iPad?
Like any piece of technology it may be wise to include the student's iPad as a nominated item on your house and contents insurance policy. Please discuss with your insurance provider.

Can I find our more?
To learn more about the features of the iPad go to http://www.apple.com/ipad.
You can view the Newport Lakes Primary School ICT policy on the school website.
If you have any further questions in regards to the 1:1 iPad program, please don't hesitate to contact Mat Williamson by emailing williamson.mathew.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Expression of Interest for the 2014 1:1 iPad Program

Family name _________________________

Please tick whichever is relevant for your circumstance

☐ We already have an iPad ready to start the program next year.

☐ We plan to purchase an iPad from an independent store, for example, JB Hifi, Big W, or Target.

☐ We would like to arrange a meeting to further discuss the iPad program.

☐ We do not intend to buy an iPad for 2014.